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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2009.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,4,5,8 and 14 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,4,5,8 and 14 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8 and 14 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Singh et al. and Aoki et al. for reasons of record.

Applicant emphasizes that the principle operation of Singh et al. is based on the isolation and use of Hn-33 from botulinum toxin complexes. Applicant argues that removal and use of Hn-33 from the complexes of Singh et al. would render the prior art unsatisfactory with its intended purpose and does not comport with the principle of Singh et al.

Applicant's characterization of the teachings of Singh et al. is absolutely correct. However, applicant has clearly misunderstood the rejection. The motivation is based on modifying the neurotoxin in the complex of Singh et al., **not** the hemagglutinin protein, Hn-33 portion. The motivational analysis from the previous Office action has been pasted below, with emphasis on the relevant parts:

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been **motivated to use the botulinum toxin complexes that are released from the various Clostridium botulinum types A-F in the composition and method of Singh et al. because Aoki et al. teach that the intact botulinum toxin complexes provide stability and have a slower rate**

of diffusion within an intramuscular site, see column 5, lines 16-25. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have had a reasonable expectation for combining the botulinum neurotoxins of Aoki et al. with the composition and method of Singh et al. because **Singh et al. teach the inclusion of any botulinum neurotoxin in the complex, see column 2, lines 1-10, line 35 to column 3, line 4 and claims 1-5.**

There is no basis in the rejection for substituting Hn-33 of Singh et al. There is no mention of hemagglutinin at all. The basis of the rejection is substituting the type A or type E *botulinum* neurotoxin in the complex of Singh et al. with any of the intact botulinum toxin complexes in column 5, lines 1-25 of Aoki et al.

Applicant argues that Singh et al. teaches away from using native neurotoxin complexes.

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered, but are contradicted by the teachings of Singh et al. See claims 1-3, where the neurotoxin in the complex of Singh et al. is type A or type E *botulinum* neurotoxin. Also see discussions for using type A or type E *botulinum* neurotoxin in a complex at column 10, lines 41-45 and column 11, lines 13-20.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHANON A. FOLEY whose telephone number is (571)272-0898. The examiner can normally be reached on flex, generally M-F 7AM - 3 PM, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne L. Eyler can be reached on (571) 272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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